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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 128 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/62/563 and Add.1 and 2.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of this item at its 29th and 32nd to 36th meetings, on 5, 14, 17, 26 and 28 March 2008. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.29 and 32-36).

3. For its further consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council

Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/671)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7/Add.34)

Financing of field missions of the Peacebuilding Commission

Note by the Secretary-General (A/62/670)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7/Add.33)

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Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/538 and Add.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7/Add.36)

Letter dated 6 March 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/61/19)

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Report of the Secretary-General on additional requirements for special political missions for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2008 (A/62/512/Add.6)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7/Add.37)

Revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 3, Political affairs, section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 35, Staff assessment, related to the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs

Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/521 and Corr.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7/Add.32)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the management by the Department of Political Affairs of special political missions (A/61/357)

Letter dated 7 March 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda and Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.5/62/24)

Letter dated 12 March 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Permanent Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda and Cuba to the United Nations (A/C.5/62/25)

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.30

4. At its 36th meeting, on 28 March, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009" (A/C.5/62/L.30), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Norway, the representative of Uganda and Rapporteur of the Committee and the representative of Argentina and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.30 without a vote (see para. 8).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/62/L.31

6. At its 36th meeting, on 28 March, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda" (A/C.5/62/L.31), submitted by the representative of the Czech Republic and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/62/L.31 without a vote (see para. 9).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

The General Assembly,

I

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its sixth session and its fifth special session in 2007[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Also takes note* of the preliminary estimated requirements of 2,916,000 United States dollars for the biennium 2008-2009;

3. *Further takes note* that the total estimated requirements of 2,449,300 dollars have been included in the programme budget and that the balance of 466,700 dollars is to be considered in the context of a consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit proposals to improve the procedure for presenting the financial requirements arising from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council for consideration at its sixty-third session;

II

Financing of field missions of the Peacebuilding Commission

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financing of field missions of the Peacebuilding Commission[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;[3]

2. *Also takes note* of the preliminary estimate of 676,300 dollars for field missions of the Peacebuilding Commission under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

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[1] A/62/671.
[2] A/62/7/Add.34.
[3] A/62/670.
[4] A/62/7/Add.33.

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

III

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: additional requirements for special political missions for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2008

Recalling section V of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[5]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to maintain the staffing for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Lord's Resistance Army-affected areas at the level currently funded under the provisions of its resolution 62/239 of 22 December 2007 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses;

4. *Also decides* to review the staffing and resource allocation for the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Lord's Resistance Army-affected areas at the main part of its sixty-third session in the context of the 2009 budget proposal for special political missions;

5. *Further decides* to redeploy twenty-two positions (Local level) from the Electoral Assistance Office of the United Nations Mission in Nepal according to the needs of the Mission;

6. *Approves* additional budgets for special political missions for 2008 totalling 48,954,400 dollars net (53,571,500 dollars gross);

7. *Takes note* of the balance of 17,322,800 dollars in the overall provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

8. *Decides* to appropriate, under the procedure provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an additional amount of 31,631,600 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

9. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 4,617,100 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

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[5] A/62/512/Add.6.

[6] A/62/7/Add.37.

9. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[2]

(a) Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of its report;[2]

(b) Decides to set, effective 1 April 2008, the annual net base salary of the members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda at 158,000 United States dollars, with a corresponding post adjustment multiplier equal to 1 per cent of the net base salary, to which would be applied the post adjustment multiplier for the Netherlands or the United Republic of Tanzania, as appropriate, taking into account the adjustment mechanism as proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 77 of his report;[3]

(c) Recalls paragraph 11 of its resolution 61/262 of 4 April 2007, and decides to revert to the issue of the pension scheme during the second part of its resumed sixty-second session.

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[1] A/62/538 and Add.1.
[2] A/62/7/Add.36.
[3] A/62/538.